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WSDOT Chooses Four Design-Build Teams to Bid on I-5 Everett HOV Lanes Project *Major milestone met as project moves toward spring 2005 start*

Washington State Department of Transportation chose four teams to bid on the services for design and construction of the Interstate 5 Everett High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes Project in Snohomish County, Washington.

The four teams pre-qualified for the design-build bid include: Kiewit Pacific Company; Kuney/Mowat Constructors, LLC; Granite/Wilder, JV; and Atkinson/CH2M Hill, JV.

"We are very pleased with the quality of the teams," said Bob Dyer, I-5 Everett HOV project director, "I am confident that any one of the teams would do an excellent job of delivering this project on time, within budget, and with the highest level of quality."

WSDOT expects all bidders to propose innovative ideas on how they will deliver the project quickly and meet WSDOT's budgeting, accountability, community satisfaction and environmental commitment goals.

WSDOT will advertise the contract by early December 2004 and expect to announce the winning team in April 2005. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as May 2005.

The project will add north and southbound carpool lanes on I-5 from Highway 526 just past US 2, add an extra merging lane between 41st and US 2, widen or replace 16 bridges, improve on-ramps and exits, install noise walls at certain locations, treat storm water run off, and build a new right-hand exit to Broadway.

For additional project information please visit the project Web page at:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR526US2HOV/default.htm

For more information about design build, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/InnvContract/desbuild.htm

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